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GROUP 1723"

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
Kensaku KOMATSU, et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1723  
SERIAL NO.: 09/884,084 :  
FILED: JUNE 20, 2001 : EXAMINER: FORTUNA, ANA M.  
FOR: POROUS HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANES AND METHOD OF MAKING THE  
SAME

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Supplemental to the response filed February 24, 2003, please reconsider the  
application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the Claims as follows.

6. (Twice Amended) A method of making a porous hollow fiber membrane,  
comprising:

forming said hollow fiber membrane according to a dry-wet spinning method or a wet  
spinning method while using the following components:

a spinning dope containing a base polymer as a material for forming said  
porous hollow fiber membrane,  
an additive for facilitating a phase separation of said spinning dope,  
a solvent compatible with both, said base polymer and said additive, and  
a mass of microparticles insoluble in said solvent, wherein said microparticles

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